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Dear Bob:

Many thanks for your letter of 10 October 1955 and for your efforts on our behalf recounted therein. I believe that at long last we are about to get our communications with March Air Force Base straightened out, which should preclude any further incidents of the sort you mentioned.

We would be delighted to see you and Colonel Mayo here on 11 November and will expect you at that time unless we hear from you to the contrary. We would also of course be more than pleased to have you pay a visit to our field activities. I suggest we fix a time for that when we see you on the 11th.

One urgent request I wish to make to you is that you make no wider dissemination of knowledge of the work we are doing until after our meeting on the 11th, at which time we will wish to discuss security procedures along with many other matters. I should explain that our arrangement with the Air Force from the time we started this work has been that we would be consulted prior to the discussion of it with any individual, regardless of his rank. The reason, as I am sure you will appreciate, is not that we are worried about the security of senior Air Force officers but rather that we wish to be sure they are told the rules of the game when they first become knowledgeable of our activities. The most important rule is that no individual in the Air Force or in my parent organization is authorized to widen the circle of knowledgeable persons simply upon his own authority.

I hope this does not sound too harsh. Your past experience with us will doubtless make it at least understandable to you. In the meanwhile,

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I will assume that within the Air Defense Command this knowledge is presently limited to the four officers listed in your letter of 10 October to [redacted] plus General Partridge, General Smith, and yourself.

My warmest regards.

Yours,

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